













## EIGHT MEN ARE KILLED IN TERRIBLE EXPLOSION ON G.T.P.

**Swede Workmen Shattered  
By Premature Explosion  
of Powder**

**BODIES ARE BLOWN  
50 FEET INTO AIR**

**Report of Accident Brought  
to City By English  
Workmen**

The story of a terrible accident which happened at mile 43, British Columbia, on the Grand Trunk Pacific right of way is told by three young Englishmen who arrived in Edmonton by freight train from Fitzburg on Friday night.

They state that by an accidental explosion of a quantity of gunpowder during blasting operations last Thursday eight men were killed outright and four injured.

The young men who bring this startling news are N. J. Bland, J. Lawrence and S. Jones. Bland had been employed in the construction camp only a week, Jones a month and Lawrence five weeks, when the explosion occurred. "I didn't stay to see any more," said Bland. "A week was enough for me." All three quit the job immediately after the explosion, beating their way on foot Fitzburg and then travelling by freight train to Edmonton.

The journey occupied them a week and they only arrived here Friday night. A Bulletin reporter found them Saturday and had the graphic details of their story.

**Details of the Accident.** "The accident happened about half-past ten in the morning," said Bland, who is a fine, muscular young fellow. "We were at work when we heard a loud report and saw a tremendous upheaval of earth and rock. The men who were working near were taken with great violence in all directions. I saw one man blown in the air to a height of fifty feet. 'Or the impulse was so run to cover for we didn't know but what there might be another explosion, and I missed. Luckily for me we got safely clear. We then went back and learned that eight men had been killed outright and that four had been badly hurt by the explosion."

"There was no doctor in our camp," said Lawrence, "and the poor fellows who were hurt were taken by freight car to the hospital, which is at mile 25."

Bland said that all the men who were killed were Swedes. He didn't know any of the men by name.

Asked what led up to the accident Bland said that they had loaded a hole with dynamite and were putting in the powder before the hole had time to cool.

**Ignorance of Danger and Careless.** He said further that the men who were doing this seemed to know very little of the danger they were running and were altogether too careless.

"One Swede near by," he said, "was ramming in powder with a bar and I asked him if he was not afraid that it might go off. The man only laughed and said that he was ready to die any time. He then went on ramming in the powder as before."

"I think," added Bland, "that this blasting ought to be stopped. A man's life is not safe a minute." Bland and his mates related that the men who were doing the blasting were inexperienced and careless.

The contractors by whom the men were employed are Foley, Welch and Groat, whose head office are at Fitzburg. On inquiry on Saturday at their branch office in First street, a Bulletin representative was informed that they had no knowledge of the accident. "We believe that such an accident has happened, but we have no details here." This is simply a supply branch and reports would not be sent here.

There are camps at frequent intervals along the line of the right of way and the nearest camp to the scene of the explosion is only about a fourth of a mile away. At mile 35 five miles from the place where the explosion occurred there is a big camp with about 150 men in it.

### QUICKLY LOOKING UP THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

Various Citizens Are Making Enquiries As to the Property Qualifications of Various Aldermen Elected For Greater Edmonton Council.

The ratepayers are manifesting more than ordinary interest in the new aldermen chosen at the recent municipal election in Great Edmonton, as evident from the numerous inquiries regarding their property qualifications. It is hardly largely to the nature of a private individual investigation, in which the medium of the press is used, and a number of the ratepayers are looking to the matter "want to be shown."

With all that could be learned this morning the investigation is not being carried on with the same rapidity as against any of the aldermen elected, but the fact remains that it is going on and for what purpose is yet to be decided. No particular alderman seems to be the object of the inquiry, each one receiving a share of the ratepayer attention.

Aldermen-elect Douglas, Clarke, East May and Welch have submitted to the oath required in order to serve in the city council. Aldermen-elect Calder and Tipton have been absent from home and they have not yet taken the oath. The latter two, with Mr. Welch, constitute the aldermanic delegation from the south side.

Leithridge, Mar. 1.—The induction of Rev. G. C. Meron, formerly of Brockville, Ont., into the ministry of Knox Presbyterian church here, took place last night in Knox church.

### The Districts and Number of Strikers Involved in the British Coal Strike.

The following is the approximate distribution of the strikers who are out in the national coal strike in Great Britain:

Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottingham, 242,000.  
South Wales, 218,000.  
Northumberland and Durham, 213,000.  
Scotland, 131,000.  
Lancashire and Cheshire, 105,000.  
Midlands, 87,000.  
Cumberland, Gloucester and Somerset, 260,000.  
North Wales, 15,000.

The principal districts affected by the strike are Durham, which produces about 40,000,000 tons a year; Yorkshire, 38,000,000; Lancashire, 23,000,000; Staffordshire, 13,500,000; Derbyshire, 17,000,000; Northumberland 14,000,000; Monmouthshire, 13,000,000; Nottinghamshire, 11,000,000.

The Continent of Europe relies to a large extent on British coal, France taking a yearly average of 10,000,000 tons, Italy and Germany 9,000,000 each, Sweden nearly 5,000,000, Russia nearly 4,000,000, Denmark 3,000,000; Spain, Argentina, Egypt, Holland and Norway about 2,000,000 each; and other countries in smaller amounts.

### RENEWAL OF DISORDERS TAKER PLACE IN PEKING

Detachment of Artillery Marched to Palace of the Empress Dowager's Father and Seized the Palace.

Peiping, China, March 3.—A serious recurrence some of the disorders occurred this morning when, after some delay, a detachment of artillery moved by a road, marched to the palace of Kwei Hsueh, father of the Empress Dowager and seized the gate. They looted a large amount of the property and burned a portion of the palace.

**Yuan Shi Kai Compelled.**

Peiping, March 3.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, though surrounded with anxiety and want of sleep, maintained the greatest calmness and confidence in the confidence of the army. He declared that the outbreak among the troops had been entirely due to the difficulties which were already great enough. He ascribed it to the effect upon the ignorant masses of rumors that the soldiers were to suffer a reduction of pay, and he compelled to cut off their pig tails. He declared that an effort would be made to prevent a recurrence of the revolt. The third division would be confined in their barracks and armed forces would be sent to the city. He would parade the streets with his own troops to bring about a return to normalcy.

**No Attack on Foreigners.**

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### ROBERT TAIT RESPONDS TO THE LAST SUMMONS

Well Known Pioneer of Western Canada Dies at His Home in Winnipeg, and His Estate Shows the Last Moments of His Life.

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## HON. FRANK OLIVER ON THE CAR DISTRIBUTION CLAUSE

Leader in the Fight for Protection of Interests of Farmers Declares Amendment to Grain Act Gives Corporations Priority Over The Individual in Matter of Car Distribution.

On the discussion on Hon. Mr. Oliver's amendment to car distribution clause of the Manitoba Grain Act, Hon. Frank Oliver spoke as follows in opposition to the amendment: "Standard report, Feb. 26, 1912. Mr. Oliver—This is a very important amendment which my hon. friend proposes, involving very important principle, and is entitled to the serious consideration of the committee. The legislation contained in this particular part of the Grain Act is, in my opinion, one of the most important. It undertakes to deal with the property of one man in the interest of some other man. It is the extreme of what might be called socialistic legislation. I think, perhaps, the most extreme example of socialistic legislation that is on the statute book of any country. It is for the protection of the individual against the corporation, or an aggregation of corporations. It goes not to be supposed for a moment that such remarkable legislation would ever have appeared upon the statute books, had the representatives, who have remained there, had there not been the very strongest reasons why, in the public interest, it should be maintained. It has been on the statute book for a number of years and has been twice opposed from the very beginning on one side and determinedly supported on the other. There is no possibility of the two parties to this, what might be called, irrepressible conflict, coming to any amicable agreement. There is no way to take sides with one party or the other; either to maintain the position which has been maintained in the legislation, that is now on the statute book and stand for the right of the individual, or give up the right to have his way. I have heard what my hon. friend has said with regard to the propriety of giving full authority to the Board of Grain Commissioners. On the same principle that my hon. friend has stated to the House it would be just as right to say that we only need one clause in this Act, namely, to give the Board of Grain Commissioners full authority to manage the grain trade of Canada. We are not going to do that, and my hon. friend is not proposing to do it. The fact that this legislation is so remarkable is the very reason why the authority of the statute should be there to protect the right of the individual; as the only means whereby his right can be efficiently protected, and the only means by which he can have confidence in its protection. If, of course, we would except that where it is attempted by legislation to interfere in such a remarkable manner as this Act does interfere with the rights of property and the

conscience with the amendment made to the Manitoba Grain Act; and to this further provision that care may be ordered.

Whenever, after due examination, the board considers it necessary to order, in order to relieve congestion and facilitate the despatch of grain.

In the first case—that of sending cars specially to places where there is damaged grain—consider that the provision now in the section to deal with elevators is danger of collapse and elevators in which grain is in danger of heating so far as is safe for the Act to go. When we have provided, as we have provided, in the case of the Manitoba Grain Act, that cars may be specially ordered to any locality where grain is damp and liable thereby to become heated, we have not sought to deal with the condition as it actually prevails in this very season, because the condition prevails in so many localities and these localities are so widely scattered that if special orders be given in the interest of such locality where grain is damaged it practically means that there is no special advantage to any locality and the matter is reduced down to the point of that locality which is the greatest factor in getting the advantage.

I will admit that under this provision it would be possible to give relief in a certain locality, but in such a year as this, where the damage is extended over a wide area, the provision is absolutely valueless, and inasmuch as it introduces the possibility of favoritism, I object most strenuously to that provision being incorporated in the bill. I am agreed to it being adopted as a part of the Manitoba Grain Act for this season without having given the subject the fullest consideration. It was represented to be a matter of urgency and we allowed the bill to go through; but on further consideration I am prepared to take full responsibility for the amendment I have made. The provision should not be embodied in this bill which is to be a permanent statute. The provision now proposed through this whole question, which is the whole administration of the Grain Act, absolutely on the discretion of the board. If we do this, without wishing to cast any reflection on the board, we have spent our time for nothing in providing the long and intricate list of regulations which comprise this bill. If we can afford to let the matter of car distribution go to the discretion of the board we may safely leave everything else to the same discretion. It would be better to give the strongest opposition I could to the amendment now proposed, except that I would be willing to agree to an amendment that in the case of distribution of seed grain.

I do not wish further to delay the committee, but I should judge from the remarks of the minister of trade and commerce that he has not yet fully appreciated the importance of the sections or the relationship that must of necessity exist between the farmer on the one hand, and those who buy and transport his grain on

the other. It is not throwing any suspicion upon the grain dealer or railway company to say that it is the responsibility of the grain dealer or railway company to get their interests met, just as it is that two and two make four, that the farmer and grain dealer, in cooperation to each other, and that cooperation is apt to be very strenuous on occasion.

I do not wish to introduce controversial matter into the discussion, but if my hon. friend is not aware of the facts, it is his misfortune. The fact is that there is necessarily and actually a very bitter feeling and always has been—between the farmer and the grain dealer. It will be in the future, but it exists today—between the two opposing interests. It is no aspersions upon either of them to say that there is such a feeling, and it is not a proper appreciation of the facts to suggest that by our legislation we can do away with that condition. It is a natural condition. It is not an improper condition, except as it may be strained to improper limits. My hon. friend will be the greatest legislator that ever graced this parliament or any other, if he can bring those two interests into amicable relation. It would be improper upon the minister that this matter is one of the importance of which cannot be exaggerated, that the action taken tonight is going to have far-reaching consequences, and the responsibility therefor must rest upon my hon. friend and his colleagues.

I want to allude to the argument made by the minister as to the urgency of the provision of subsection (c). He painted a picture of the deplorable condition to be suffered by reason of damp grain; and the necessity of rushing cars to the relief of the locality suffering from that condition. But my hon. friend does not appreciate the fact that subsection (c) has no necessary application to that condition. On the face of it, it applies to the locality and the condition where the grain is abundant, and may be as good as it is abundant. It applies to the condition of congestion, and gives authority to the commission to relieve that congestion. He sketched the condition to which clause (b) would be applicable; but I say that it is not the condition that clause (c) is intended to provide for. The member's condition, which is in the mind of the minister, is that it is right and proper to give authority to the board to order cars forward in special cases. There is no special case in subsection (c). Subsection (c) can be made to provide for a special case, it provides for a general condition, and that is a general condition of congestion, and the board is to order cars forward in special cases.

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Mr. Barnham—Is not that the condition prevailing in railway circles in Ontario now? Mr. Oliver—Could not say, I am sure; but that is the condition that prevails in the west. The condition of damage is so widespread, that there is no possibility of meeting that condition by any special orders that must be given; and to give authority to some special order under such conditions is simply to give authority to the farmer to do as he pleases. It is to the man who wants to use those advantages. We have given the privilege of

loading platforms to the farmers in the west. They tried to get them for a long time. They were successful in getting them at last. They have handled a large part of their grain over those loading platforms. Those loading platforms are a cause of offense to the elevator men, to the local grain dealer, and to the railway company; and there is no doubt that they are well disposed from the scene. The question has been asked: Who are the men who are demanding changes in this Act, with regard to car distribution? There were some questions about it just forward. There is no question about it. Three years ago, when the Grain Act was amended, notice was sent by the Hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce to all parties interested to come and be heard in regard to these

amendments. The matter was public, everybody was admitted and we found there the railway men, the grain dealer, the miller, even the banker, lined up on the one side, every one of them demanding the alteration of the section of the Act, relating to car distribution, and the farmer on the other. There is no blame to either party, because they are on the respective sides, but there never has been any mistake about it. It is misunderstanding that on the one side is the producer, and on the other are the interests that necessarily handle his product. There is just the same necessary conflict of interest between these two sections of the community, as there was between the buyer and the seller in the days of King Solomon, and has been every day since.

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## AROUND THE CITY

## LOCAL

Rev. Thomas Powell, of Grace Methodist church, and Rev. W. A. Lewis, of St. Paul's church, preached last night on Sunday morning.

An informal dance will be given by the Edmonton Operatic society tonight to the members of the club of the Minkie at the Minkie room, commencing at half past eight.

There was a confirmation service at St. Paul's church, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The service was held in the choir loft, and the hymns sung at the service were "The Lord is my strength and my salvation" and "The Lord is my strength and my salvation."

The Edmonton City Mission reported their services in the Orphanum, which have been discontinued for a few weeks, on Sunday evening. Services in future begin at 7:30 p.m. E. A. Smith presided at the opening service. The service of a collection has been secured and the hymns sung are the old familiar ones of the "Hallelujah" collection.

In connection with recent robberies in the city, the City Police force on Saturday night, made four arrests. The men taken into custody are believed to have been responsible for the robbery of Welch's jewelry store, which took place on the night last week. The case will be taken into court on Monday.

A considerable portion of valuable stock taken. A safe was carried away better, but this was later recovered. These arrests are of great interest. These arrests are of great interest. These arrests are of great interest.

The first meeting of the newly appointed park commission was held on Saturday evening in the Exhibition hall. The commission was composed of Mr. J. H. Chadwick, secretary, and Mr. W. H. Clark, chairman.

## THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 3.—The barometer is now the highest over Ontario and the cold weather has been cleared in Maritime provinces, some little snow falls have occurred today in southern districts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

Min. Max.	
Edmonton	20 34
Calgary	20 34
Regina	20 34
Winnipeg	20 34
Port Arthur	20 34
Parry Sound	15 34
London	20 34
Toronto	20 34
Kingston	20 34
Ottawa	20 34
Montreal	20 34
Quebec	20 34
Halifax	20 34
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay	20 34
Moderate, fine, north-easterly winds, fair and clear.	
Ottawa Valley and Upper Lawrence	
Fair and continued cold.	
Lower Lawrence and Gulf-Northern	
White, fine and cold.	
Maritime—Moderate, northerly winds, fine and cold.	
Superior—Moderate, cold with some light snow falls.	
Manitoba and Northwestern—Fair and northerly winds, cold with some light snow falls or burrins.	
Alberta—Fair, not much change in temperature.	

## STRONG DENUNCIATION OF SO-CALLED SOCIETY

Rev. F. W. Patterson of First Baptist Church, delivered a sermon last night on "The Society of the Future."

A striking denunciation of so-called Society was delivered by the Rev. F. W. Patterson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preaching before a large congregation in the Empire Theatre last night. His subject was "The Society of the Future."

The society to which he referred, Mr. Patterson declared, was not a society of men, but a society of women. He declared that the society of the future would be a society of women, and that the society of the present was a society of men.

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In Alaska, the new Eldorado, and it is predicted that next summer will see a greater rush to Alaska than ever. The "Barrier" will appear at the Empire Theatre for three days and a Broadway matinee performance commencing Monday, March 4.

AMERICAN. New York, March 3.—William Dean Howell was the central figure of a birthday party which will be memorable in the literary world. The novelist was 75 years old today, and the United States and more than four hundred prominent men and women in literature gathered at dinner guests of Colonel George Fawcett.

FOREIGN. Rome, March 3.—A vote of 244 to 25, the Chamber of deputies today approved the bill providing for a state monopoly of life insurance. As a result national and foreign insurance companies will be gradually taken over by government insurance institutions.

British. London, March 3.—A suffragette attempted to start a fire in the general post office of London tonight. The woman carried a bundle of paper and linen material soaked with gasoline to the public hall and set them on fire near a counter. She then escaped.

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